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LOUIS M. GERSON CO., INC., Plaintiff,	70400 350
v.	: Civil Action No
GODERICH PLASTICS, INC. and HURON TRACT HOLDINGS, INC.,	: : :
Defendants.	MAGISTRATE JUDGE HECEIPT # 10045 AMOUNT \$ 150
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Please take notice that Defendants Goderich Plastics, Inc. and Huron Tract Holdings, Inc. hereby file this Notice of Removal, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446. As grounds for removing this action, Defendants states as follows:

- 1. On or about October 5, 2004, Plaintiff Louis M. Gerson Co., Inc. filed a civil action entitled Louis M. Gerson Co., Inc. v. Goderich Plastics, Inc. and Huron Tract Holdings, Inc., Civil Action No. PLCV2004-01200-B, in the Superior Court Department of the Trial Court, Plymouth County, Massachusetts (the "State Court Action").
- 2. On October 12, 2004, Defendants received a copy of the Summons, Complaint, and Civil Action Cover Sheet in the State Court Action. (See Exhibit A.) As required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b), this Notice of Removal is being filed within thirty (30) days after Defendants' first receipt of the Complaint.

- 3. As alleged in the Complaint in the State Court Action, Plaintiff is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, with a principal place of business in Middleboro, Massachusetts.
 - 4. Both Defendants are corporations organized under the law of Ontario, Canada.
- 5. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, because Plaintiff is a citizen of a different state than Defendants and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.
- 6. Defendants have, on this day, sent copies of this Notice of Removal to Plaintiff's counsel and to the Clerk of the Superior Court, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, to be filed with that court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
- 7. Pursuant to Local Rule 81.1 of this Court, within thirty (30) days, Defendants will file with the Clerk of this Court certified or attested copies of all records and proceedings in the State Court Action and a certified and attested copy of all docket entries there.

WHEREFORE, Defendants hereby remove this action now pending in the Superior Court, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, to this the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

GODERICH PLASTICS, INC. and HURON TRACT HOLDINGS, INC.,

By their counsel,

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Dated: November 10, 2004

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Jason W. Morgan

I, Jason W. Morgan, hereby certify that on November 10, 2004, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by overnight delivery upon counsel for Plaintiff, Peter Alley, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, World Trade Center East, Two Seaport Lane, Suite 300, Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2028.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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RE: Louis M Gerson Co, Inc v Goderich Plastics, Inc et al

TO:Peter Alley, Esquire Seyfarth Shaw 2 Seaport Lane, Suite 300 World Trade Center East Boston, MA 02210-2028

TRACKING ORDER - F TRACK

You are hereby notified that this case is on the **fast (F) track** as per Superior Court Standing Order 1-88. The order requires that the various stages of litigation described below must be completed not later than the deadlines indicated.

STAGES OF LITIGATION

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Service of process made and return filed with the Court Response to the complaint filed (also see MRCP 12) All motions under MRCP 12, 19, and 20 filed All motions under MRCP 15 filed All discovery requests and depositions completed All motions under MRCP 56 served and heard Final pre-trial conference held and firm trial date set Case disposed	01/03/2005 03/04/2005 03/04/2005 03/04/2005 08/01/2005 08/31/2005 09/30/2005 11/29/2005

The final pre-trial deadline is **not the scheduled date of the conference**. You will be notified of that date at a later time.

Counsel for plaintiff must serve this tracking order on defendant before the deadline for filing return of service.

This case is assigned to session B sitting in CtRm 1 (Court Street, Plymouth) at Plymouth Superior Court.

Dated: 10/05/2004

Francis R. Powers Clerk of the Courts

> BY: Adam Baler Assistant Clerk

Location: CtRm 1 (Court Street, Plymouth)

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LOUIS M. GERSON CO., INC.

Plaintiff,

V.

GODERICH PLASTICS INC., HURON

TRACT HOLDINGS, INC.

PLYMOUTH, SS

COMPLAINT

This is an action for breach of contract and for the return of deposit money.

Defendants.

<u>Parties</u>

- 1. Louis M. Gerson Co., Inc. ("Gerson") is a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business in Middleboro, Massachusetts.
- 2. The defendant Goderich Plastics Inc. ("Goderich") is a company with a principal place of business in Goderich, Ontario, Canada. Goderich is in the business of producing plastic injection molded products for commercial use.
- 3. The defendant Huron Tract Holdings, Inc. ("Huron") is also located in Goderich, Ontario. On information and belief, Goderich is wholly owned by Huron, which dominates and controls the business of Goderich.
- 4. On or about June 23, 2004, Gerson issued a purchase order to Goderich in the amount of US \$168,500 for certain plastic molds. The molds were to be owned and paid for by

Gerson and used by Goderich to manufacture certain products for Gerson. The purchase order required delivery by September 30, 2004. A copy of the purchase order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

- 5. Goderich understood at the time the purchase order was issued that Gerson would be soliciting orders based on the availability of the molds by September 30, 2004.
- 6. As a down payment per the agreed upon terms of the purchase order, on July 1, 2004, Gerson paid Goderich US \$42,125.00, representing 25% of the purchase order, and an additional 5% of the purchase order on July 19, 2004. Copies of Gerson's checks to Goderich are attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- Molds, Inc. ("GPM"), located in Toronto, Ontario, for a total price of US \$147,500. On information and belief, the agreement between Goderich and GPM required a down payment from Goderich of US \$51,625.00 or 35% of their purchase order. Goderich, through Huron, paid GPM CDN \$30,000 (approximately US \$22,000) on August 23, 2004 from Gerson's down payment. A copy of Huron's \$30,000 check is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Unbeknownst to Gerson, however, Goderich failed to provide the full down payment to GPM and GPM did not start the project until September 13, 2004. Gerson was only informed on September 23, 2004 that the molds would not be ready by the new delivery date of October 15, 2004.
- 8. In reliance on its contract with Goderich, Gerson solicited and received orders from customers for products and established delivery dates for those products based on Goderich's promise.
- 9. Goderich has now repudiated the purchase order and business arrangement with Gerson and its contract with GPM. On information and belief, Goderich is in the process of

being acquired by a foreign company that will not allow Goderich to honor the business arrangement and purchase order with Gerson.

- 10. Gerson has directly contracted with GPM to purchase the molds, but the earliest possible delivery date by GPM is early November, assuming that everything goes smoothly. Obtaining that date required Gerson to incur additional costs of \$17,900. In addition, there will be an additional cost (in excess of \$10,000) in air freighting the molds upon completion.
- 11. Goderich and Huron have refused to return the remainder of Gerson's down payment.
- 12. As a result of the breach of contract by Goderich and Huron, Gerson is entitled to the return of the remaining portion of its down payment and all out-of-pocket and consequential damages resulting from the defendants' breaches, including, but not limited to, all lost profits suffered by Gerson as a result of lost sales to its customers and all expenses incurred by Gerson that would not have been incurred but for defendants' unlawful conduct.

Relief Requested

Wherefore, Gerson demands judgment against Goderich and Huron for breach of contract and prays the Court (i) to award Gerson its damages in an amount to be proven at trial, (ii) to award Gerson its costs and expenses incurred in this action, including reasonable attorney's fees,

and (iii) to order such other and further relief as is necessary and just.

GERSON DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY

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